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Warm weather allows early start to fill potholes

Edmonton, February 27, 2008 – Roadway Maintenance crews have been taking advantage of the warm weather to fill potholes, remove windrows and fill sandboxes with dry sand.

Snow windrows on major roads and bus routes are being removed. Removing windrows widens driving lanes and helps to reduce the refreezing of melted water on the road surface. This helps to prevent potholes and reduce the overnight sanding requirements.

With the favourable weather, crews are working to get an early jump on filling potholes on major roadways. Remember to drive with caution when passing roadway maintenance crews and please give them room to work safely.

The daily freeze – thaw cycles can create icy sidewalk conditions, which can cause slips and falls. Crews are working to sand sidewalks and fill sandboxes at local community leagues with dry sand for residents to use on the sidewalks adjacent to their property. To find a near-by public sand box visit www.edmonton.ca/transportation and click the Snow & Ice Control link.

Let's keep our roads and sidewalks safe so, together, we can keep Edmonton moving this winter.

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